## **CLAIMS**

What I claim as my invention is;

1. (currently amended) A floating blade plectrum comprising moment plates of thin semi-rigid material which are curved or bent and in which there is a

mechanical grip on the underside of the component upper moment plate immediately in contact with the top side of the upper rigidity layer and a mechanical grip on the upper side of the component lower moment plate immediately in contact with the bottom side of the lower rigidity layer and in which there are two

tension fixings one of which is immediately behind the trailing edge of the upper and lower moment plates which passes through both the upper and lower grip layers and through all other layers and which may be <u>are</u> adjustable to alter the tension in the upper and lower grip

layers to enhance the opening of the upper and lower halves of the plectrum at the blade end and in which there are two

\*grip layer contour pieces\* one attached to the rear end of the upper

\*grip layer\* and one attached to the rear end of the lower \*grip layer\*

to enhance the gripping of the plectrum when only minimal pressure is

applied leaving the \*blade\* to vibrate freely.

2. (currently amended) A floating blade plectrum as claimed in claim

1 in which the moment plates are curved as shown in the drawings and the

\*moment plates\* are made of relatively thin high density polyethylene sheet and the

\*mechanical grip\* on the underside of the upper \*moment plate\* is provided by the underside of three fitted staples and the \*mechanical grip\* on the upper side of the lower \*moment plate\* is provided by the underside of three fitted staples and the

\*tension fixings\* are provided by heavy duty staples, the first of which is immediately behind the trailing edge of the upper and lower \*moment plates\*, and the second is behind the first approx.

approximately mid-way between the first staple and the rear end of the plectrum and both of which pierce all the layers of the plectrum including the \*hon-rigid attachment\* and each

\*grip layer contour piece\* is made from adhesive backed non-slip micro-cellular sponge rubber or non-slip micro-cellular sponge rubber and attached by a rubber solution based adhesive which is soft and flexible on setting.